

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2001-282

May 8, 2001

GST Net, Inc.
Request to Abandon Service

ORDER GRANTING
REQUEST TO ABANDON
SERVICE

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On April 17, 2001, GST Net, Inc. filed a letter with the Commission stating that it declared bankruptcy last year and that its assets were being sold. We will consider this letter as a request to abandon service pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1104(1). GST Net did not state whether it had any customers in Maine or, if so, whether it had provided notice to its customers that it was ceasing operations.

The Commission granted GST Net authority to provide interexchange service in Docket No. 97-346.

Under the circumstances, we have little choice but to grant approval to GST to abandon service and to remove it from our records of authorized carriers. We note there are a large number of remaining competitive interexchange telephone utilities available to provide service in Maine.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 8th day of May, 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
 Nugent
 Diamond